

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 20, 2022

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Your recent remarks regarding the Southern Border, which aired on “Meet the Press” on September 11, 2022, were deeply disturbing and wholly inaccurate.

Since President Biden announced on March 24, 2021, that you would lead the effort to “enhance migration enforcement,” you have continued to recklessly ignore the chaotic and tragic crisis on the Southern Border.¹ This disturbing negligence and concerning departure from reality was recently showcased on “Meet the Press,” when you stated not once but *twice* that our nation’s border is “secure.”² This blatant misrepresentation is yet another attempt to deceive the American People and conceal the Biden-Harris Administration’s shocking failures.

America is facing an unprecedented crisis at the Southern Border. As you know, during President Biden’s first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on immigration.³ This included stopping the construction of the border wall. These reckless decisions have had devastating impacts on the Southern Border and the security of our great nation. So far this year, there have been over 2 million encounters between illegal migrants and border control agents at the Southern Border. This startling statistic surpasses last year’s record-setting more than 1.7 million encounters.⁴

From record-breaking illegal crossings to soaring drug seizures, Americans see the ongoing chaos raging at the Southern Border with no end in sight. A recent NPR/Ipsos poll found that

¹ President Joe Biden. (2021, March 24). Remarks by President Biden and Vice President Harris in a Meeting on Immigration. The White House. Retrieved September 13, 2022, from, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/03/24/remarks-by-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-in-a-meeting-on-immigration/>.

² Hains, T. (2022, September 14). VP Kamala Harris: “We Have A Secure Border In That That Is A Priority For Any Nation,” “The Border Is Secure.” RealClearPolitics. Retrieved September 13, 2022, from, https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2022/09/11/kamala_harris_we_have_a_secure_border_in_that_that_is_a_priority_for_any_nation.html.

³ Migration Policy Institute. (2021, April 26). In His First 100 Days in Office, President Joe Biden Has Advanced Three Times as Many Executive Actions on Immigration as Donald Trump Did. Retrieved September 14, 2022, from, <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/first-100-days-office-biden-executive-actions>.

⁴ Shaw, A. & Jenkins, G. (2022, August 17). Migrant encounters at southern border exceed 2 million so far in FY 22, as Biden-era crisis continues. Fox News. Retrieved September 14, 2022, from, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/migrant-encounters-southern-border-exceed-2-million-fy-22-biden-era-crisis-continues>.

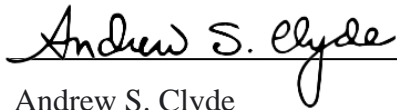
more than half of Americans correctly believe that an invasion is occurring at the Southern Border.⁵ This makes your recent comments that the Southern Border is “secure” all the more disturbing, as you are shamelessly trying to mislead and manipulate the American people. To be clear, a country that has had more than 4.9 million illegal migrants cross our borders since January 20, 2021, does not have a secure border.⁶

In addition to issuing the American People an apology and retracting your previous remarks, please provide us with answers to the following questions by September 23, 2022.

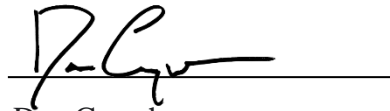
1. When was your last visit to the United States Southern Border?
2. When do you next plan to visit the United States Southern Border?
3. Please provide all studies and data that you are referring to when you state that the United States Southern Border is secure.

We look forward to receiving your responses by September 23, 2022.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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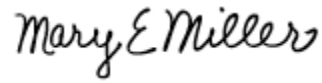
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⁵ Ipsos. (2022, August 18). On Immigration, most buying into idea of “invasion” at southern border. Retrieved September 14, 2022, from, <https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/news-polls/npr-immigration-perceptions-august-2022>.

⁶ FAIR. (2022, August 16). “FAIR Analysis: 4.9 Million Illegal Aliens Have Crossed our Borders Since President Biden Took Office.” FAIR. Retrieved September 14, 2022, from, <https://www.fairus.org/press-releases/border-security/fair-analysis-49-million-illegal-aliens-have-crossed-our-borders>.



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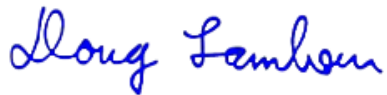
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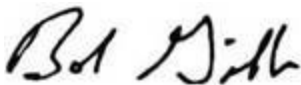
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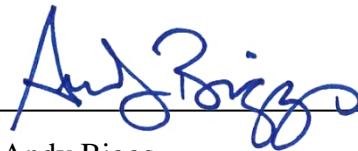
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